

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A compostable sheet material comprising:
_____a compostable substrate layer, having a first compostable and sealable layer on a first side of the substrate layer, and a second compostable and sealable layer overlying said first sealable layer;
_____wherein the material of the second sealable layer has a lower heat-sealing initiation temperature than the material of the first sealable layer.
2. (Currently amended) TheA compostable sheet material according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the substrate comprises an oxygen barrier layer.
3. (Currently amended) TheA compostable sheet material according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the substrate comprises a layer of a printing substrate such as paper.
4. (Currently amended) TheA compostable sheet material according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein at least one of the first and second sealable layers comprise a polymer or copolymer of lactic acid.
5. (Currently amended) TheA compostable sheet material according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the sheet material is at least about 90% composted within six months, as determined by the method of EN13432.
6. (Currently amended) The compostable sheet material according to claim 1, wherein Aan environmentally friendly package is formed from thecomprising a compostable sheet material ~~according to any of claims 1 to 5~~.

7. (Currently amended) An environmentally friendly package comprising:
_____ a compostable sheet material, said sheet material comprising a compostable substrate layer, having a first compostable and sealable layer on a first side of the substrate layer, and a second compostable and sealable layer overlying said first sealable layer;
_____ wherein the package comprises first and second regions of sealing between sheets of compostable material, said first region having a relatively high sealing strength, and said second region having a relatively low sealing strength.
8. (Currently amended) ~~The~~An environmentally friendly package according to claim 7, wherein said ~~compostable sheet is a compostable sheet material~~ second sealable layer has a lower heat-sealing initiation temperature than the material of the first sealable layer ~~according to any of claims 1 to 5.~~
9. (Currently amended) ~~The~~An environmentally friendly package according to ~~any of claim 7~~ 6 to 8, wherein the package is a beverage making capsule that contains a beverage making ingredient.
10. (Currently amended) ~~The~~An environmentally friendly package according to claim 9, wherein the capsule further comprises a compostable filter sheet inside the capsule and bonded to an internal surface of the capsule.
11. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of an environmentally friendly package comprising the steps of:
_____ providing a compostable sheet material having a first compostable and sealable layer on a first side of the substrate layer, and a second compostable and sealable layer overlying said first sealable layer, wherein the material of the second

sealable layer has a lower heat-sealing initiation temperature than the material of the first sealable layer according to any of claims 1 to 5; and

_____ sealing an area of said sheet material to form said package, wherein the step of sealing is carried out at a first temperature in a first region of said area and at a second temperature different from said first set of conditions in a second region of said area;

_____ whereby the peel strength of the resulting seal is different in said first and second regions.

12. (Currently amended) TheA method according to claim 11 further comprising the steps of:

placing two webs of the compostable sheet material in face-to-face relation; and

bonding the webs together around a margin to form a capsule body.

13. (Canceled)